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PROKARYOTIC MICROORGANISM

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed herein on June 3, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
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